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2012

Annual Report



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 16, 2013

Honorable John R. Dennis
Mayor, City of West Lafayette
State of Indiana

Mayor Dennis,

Attached to this letter is the Annual Report of the Police Department of the City of West Lafayette for the calendar year of 2012. This report, compiled by our Records Division, follows the guidelines established by the United States Department of Justice.

In 2012, the department received **24,197 calls for service**, a decrease of 619 (2%) calls for service compared to 2011. Calls for service in 2012 increased 13% compared to the five-year average and calls for service in 2012 increased 44% overall compared to 2007.


The number of **criminal arrests increased 2%** in 2012 (1,597) compared to 2011 (1,572). The number of **juvenile arrests decreased 5%** in 2012 (53) compared to 2011 (56). While criminal arrests increased overall in 2012, **total alcohol arrests decreased 17%** compared to 2011. Total alcohol arrests have decreased an average of 40% over the past five years and total alcohol arrests in 2012 decreased 53% compared to 2007.

Public safety is priority one for the WLPD. While West Lafayette again had no homicides or arsons in 2012, our FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) offenses increased 10% overall compared to 2011. The most current five-year FBI UCR statistics confirm that West Lafayette has the **lowest combined rate of violent crime and property crime** compared to any of the Big Ten university cities and compared to any of the university towns or cities in Indiana.

Traffic enforcement remains a priority for the WLPD with a focus on school zone safety. **Officers issued 1,234 traffic citations in 2012, an increase of 5%** compared to 2011. While traffic crashes increased 3% overall in 2012 compared to 2011, alcohol related crashes decreased and there were no fatal crashes.

Public service continued to be a focus of the WLPD in 2012. This past year was the first full year of the department's new vehicle lockout assistance service. **Officers unlocked 814 vehicles** for citizens, an average of more than two per day.

In 2012, the Neighborhood Resource Team continued to address quality of life issues in our neighborhoods. The NRT focused on code enforcement issues, parking violations and animal control issues, responding to 2,398 calls for service this past year. In all, the WLPD issued 19,189 parking tickets in 2012, slightly more than 2011.


Jason Dombkowski
Chief of Police

2012 POLICE ROSTER

Chief of Police	Jason L. Dombkowski	January 24, 1994
Deputy Chief	Christopher J. Leroux	January 1, 1987
Capt. of Special Services	Daniel D. Marvin	September 7, 1985
Capt. Special Assignment	Michael D. Francis	December 14, 1985
*Capt. of Patrol	Gary L. Sparger	June 3, 1989
Capt. Special Assignment	John T. Walker, Jr.	November 29, 1993
Lt. of Patrol	Scott M. Fohr	June 13, 1987
Lt. of Patrol	William J. Gallagher	January 3, 1995
Lt. of Detectives	Troy W. Harris	March 9, 1998
Lt. of Patrol	David A. VanVactor	August 12, 1996
*Lt. of Patrol	John D. Watson	January 29, 2003
Sgt. of Patrol	Matthew S. Coddington	January 1, 1985
Sgt. of Patrol	Kevin A. Flynn	January 3, 1995
Sgt. of Detectives	Cynthia A. Marion	April 20, 1991
Sgt. of Patrol	David E. Lord	October 20, 2000
Sgt. of Patrol	Jason H. Philhower	March 18, 1996
Sgt. of Patrol	Arthur A. Choate	November 20, 2000
Police Officer 1 st	Nancee L. Hetrick	June 5, 1981
Police Officer 1 st	Janet A. Shepherd	March 13, 1982
Police Officer 1 st	Michael R. Max	April 26, 1986
Police Officer 1 st	Mark A. Ridge	May 14, 1988
Police Officer 1 st	Marsha A. Miller	May 28, 1988

Police Officer 1 st	Mark A. Gosney	November 12, 1988
Police Officer 1 st	Kevin J. Coomey	January 1, 1990
Police Officer 1 st	Jeffrey J. Dunscomb	April 20, 1991
Detective	Fredrick N. Townsend	February 13, 1995
Police Officer 1 st	Gary C. Ward	March 23, 1998
Police Officer 1 st	Jeff A. Kirby	September 14, 1998
Police Officer 1 st	William J. Dearing	October 4, 1999
Police Officer 1 st	Donald E. Hartman	January 2, 2001
Police Officer 1 st	Adam S. Ferguson	January 29, 2001
Police Officer 1 st	David S. Smith	September 4, 2001
Police Officer 1 st	Jeffrey D. Decker	January 28, 2002
Police Officer 1 st	Marcus D. Slifer	July 15, 2002
Police Officer 1 st	Stason L. Wiete	September 15, 2003
Police Officer 1 st	Michael L. Brewer	June 7, 2004
Police Officer 1 st	Donald S. Greenwood	November 8, 2004
Detective	Jonathan M. Eager	June 27, 2005
Police Officer 1 st	Chad E. Kendricks	August 22, 2005
Police Officer 1 st	James M. Spray	November 20, 2006
Detective	Troy M. Greene	November 20, 2006
*Police Officer 1 st	Daniel R. Griffin	August 28, 2007
Police Officer 1 st	Jonathan T. Morgan	September 4, 2007
*Police Officer 1 st	Matthew A. Thompson	October 29, 2007
Detective	Adam S. Miller	January 7, 2008

Police Officer 1 st	Nathaniel E. Biddle	October 11, 2010
Police Officer 1 st	Jeffery M. Spicer	June 20, 2011
*Police Officer 2 nd	Aron M. Thompson	May 10, 2012
*Probationary Officer	Brandon J. Bonnell	September 17, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher	Katrina L. Gutwein	August 23, 2010
Patrol Dispatcher	David R. Stoike	April 30, 2001
Patrol Dispatcher	Kimberly A. Hines	December 20, 2003
Patrol Dispatcher	Jason A. Timmons	February 21, 2004
Patrol Dispatcher	Tiffany L. Williard	May 21, 2004
*Patrol Dispatcher	Mary B. Jones	November 8, 2004
*Patrol Dispatcher	Erica N. Ridge	December 3, 2008
Patrol Dispatcher	Jordan D. Glick	February 15, 2011
Patrol Dispatcher	David H. Payne	May 10, 2011
*Patrol Dispatcher	Michael R. Greene	July 30, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher	Nathaniel J. Foster	October 10, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher	Jennifer Heath Thompson	October 17, 2011
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Amanda L. Brooks	November 3, 2008
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Robert G. Batta	October 4, 2010
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Katharine J. Williams	October 4, 2010
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Kristin M. Johnsen	January 17, 2011
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Joseph A. Potts	April 18, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Lisa J. Gard	February 15, 2011
Code Enforce Supervisor	Rick L. Walker	July 31, 2009

ACO/Court Bailiff	John H. King	September 4, 2001
Code Enforce Officer	Jeffrey P. Ray	February 22, 2011
Parking Control Officer	Edward L. Smith	May 30, 2000
Parking Control Officer	Jerry D. Burk	January 17, 2001
Parking Control Officer	Larry G. Grant	March 11, 2009
Parking Control Officer	Jesse L. Medrano	March 30, 2009
Maintenance Technician	Jeffrey D. Martin	June 16, 1997
Office Manager	Tamara K. Holder	May 15, 1979
Systems Manager	Vickie J. Denson	February 22, 1988
Records Clerk	Kathryn A. McCorkle	January 2, 2001
Janitorial Services	Wilma J. Mills	March 16, 1994
Crossing Guard	Martha Mugge	April 1975
Crossing Guard	Letitia Sietsma	November 1994
Crossing Guard	Kathryn Mauch	August 1997
Crossing Guard	Kathy Jones	August 1999
Crossing Guard	Vicki Burch	February 1999
Crossing Guard	Debra Foster	January 2008
*Crossing Guard	Dottie Rausch	August 2009
Crossing Guard	Kimberly Ridge	August 2010
*Crossing Guard	Lisa Sinha	April 2012
Department Chaplin	Bill Murdock	October 2003
Department Chaplin	Will Miller	October 2003
Department Volunteer	Wayne Merriman	July 2007

Total strength of the Department as of December 31, 2012:

47 Officers
36 Civilians

Appointments:

Joseph A. Potts	April 18, 2012	Patrol Dispatcher
Lisa Sinha	April 2012	Crossing Guard
Aron M. Thompson	May 10, 2012	Patrol Officer
Michael R. Greene	July 30, 2012	Patrol Dispatcher
Brandon J. Bonnell	September 17, 2012	Patrol Officer
Nathaniel J. Foster	October 10, 2012	Patrol Dispatcher

Promotions:

Gary L. Sparger	February 14, 2012	Lieutenant to Captain
John D. Watson	February 14, 2012	Sergeant to Lieutenant

Resigned:

Katrina L. Gutwein	January 28, 2012
Daniel R. Griffin	February 8, 2012
Dottie Rausch	March 23, 2012
Jennifer Heath Thompson	June 6, 2012
Lisa J. Guard	June 11, 2012
Matthew A. Thompson	June 21, 2012
Erica N. Ridge	August 16, 2012
Mary B. Jones	October 5, 2012

*Denotes appointments, resignations, terminations, retirements and promotions

	2011	2012	Percentage
Calls for Service	24816	24197	2% Down
Cases Investigated	4972	4889	2% Down

UCR Part 1 Offenses:

Homicide	0	0	No Change
Rape	4	8	100% Up
Robbery	6	11	83% Up
Aggravated Assaults	44	59	34% Up
Burglary	58	81	40% Up
Arson	0	0	No Change
Auto Theft	20	28	40% Up
Larceny	384	379	1% Down

Auto Crashes:

Total	1207	1246	3% Up
Property Damage	671	726	8% Up
Personal Injury	135	157	16% Up
Fatal Crashes	0	0	No Change

Arrests:

Criminal	1572	1597	2% Up
Juvenile	56	53	5% Down

Alcohol Arrests:

Operating While Intoxicated	181	142	22% Down
Public Intoxication	247	220	11% Down
Minor In Possession of Alcohol	117	92	21% Down
Total Alcohol Arrests	545	454	17% Down

	2011	2012	Percentage
UCR Property			
Property Stolen	\$398778	\$482331	21% Up
Property Recovered	\$72141	\$156232	17% Up
Detective/Narcotic Division			
Cases Worked	226	220	3% Down
Cases Cleared/Closed	212	200	
Traffic Enforcement			
Citations	1173	1234	5% Up
Warnings	9500	8636	9% Down
Total:	10673	9870	8% Down
Noise Ordinance Enforcement			
Arrests	42	61	45% Up
Warnings	216	166	23% Down
Total:	258	227	12% Down
Total Parking Tickets	19187	19189	0% Up
Total Parking Fines Collected	\$367265	\$578758	58% Up

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Major Cases Investigated	Aggravated Assaults	59
	Arson	0
	Burglary/Business	7
	Burglary/Residence	74
	Homicide/Manslaughter	0
	Homicide/Murder	0
	Kidnapping	0
	Larceny	379
	Other Assaults	101
	Murder/Attempted	0
	Rape/Attempted	0
	Rape/By Force	8
	Robbery	11
	Vehicle Theft	28
	Total Major Cases:	667
Other Cases Reported	24 Hour Ordinance	17
	Accidents/All Reported	1246
	Accidents/Misc	4
	Accumulation of Garbage	3
	Alarms	275
	All Other Offenses	2
	Animal Restraining	3
	Assist Other Agency	56
	Bicycle Injury	1
	City Noise Ord Violation	198
	City/County Ord & State Statute	136
	Contempt of Court	7
	Damaged Property	32
	Death/Other than Homicide	13
	Demented/Mental	7
	Department Information	222
	Depositing Rubbish/Trash	9
	Disorderly Conduct	1
	Disturbance/Arguments/Fights	28
	Dog/Other Animals	41
	Domestic Disturbance	85
	Driving While Suspended	119
	Drug Abuse Violations	198
	Drunkeness/Public Intoxication	143
	False Informing/Reporting	14

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Other Cases Reported	Fire/Non-arson	6
	Forgery/Counterfeiting	10
	Fraud	89
	Fugitive/WOW Other Agency	1
	Grass Height	1
	Harassment	37
	Ill/Injured Person	10
	Indecent/Public Exposure	5
	Junk Vehicle Violation	2
	Liquor Law Violations	22
	Misc Traffic Violation	33
	Missing/Lost Person	4
	Occupancy	1
	Offense Against Family/Child	19
	Operating While Intoxicated	132
	Parking/Private Property	65
	Parole/Probation Violation	1
	Property Found	96
	Property Lost	14
	Prowler	1
	Reckless Driving	4
	Residential Entry	22
	Resisting Law Enforcement	27
	Runaway	6
	Sex Offenses	10
	Soliciting	1
	Speeding	3
	Stalking	1
	Stolen Property/Rec/Poss	1
	Suicide/Attempts/Threats of	37
	Suspicious Incident/Persons	103
	Telephone Harassment	10
	Threats/Intimidation	35
	Tobacco Law Violation	5
	Tow-Ins	10
	Trespass	89
	Vandalism/Graffiti	4
	Vandalism/Mischief	245
	Weapon Violation	3
	Well Being Check	6
	Wheel Lock	190
	WL Ordinance Violation	1
	Total Other Cases:	4222
	Total Cases:	4889

**CRIMINAL ARRESTS
2012**

Assisting a Criminal	3
Auto Theft	4
Battery	37
Burglary	7
Carry a Handgun w/o a License	3
Check Deception	2
Child Molest	1
Conspiracy Charge	4
Contributing Delinquency Minor/Alcohol	2
Criminal Confinement	6
Criminal Conversion	29
Criminal Mischief	4
Criminal Reckless with Weapon	3
Criminal Recklessness with Vehicle	5
Dealing Hashish	1
Dealing Controlled Substance	8
Dealing Marijuana	28
Dealing Methamphetamine	2
Disarming Law Enforcement Officer	1
Disorderly Conduct	27
Domestic Battery	21

Driving While Suspended	92
Escape	1
Failure to Display License-Expose	2
Failure to Register/Sex Offender	1
False Informing	32
Felon in Possession of Handgun	1
Forgery	5
Fraud	9
Glue Sniffing	2
Habitual Offender	1
Habitual Traffic Violator	15
Harassment	1
Identity Deception	4
Illegal Drug Lab	1
Interfere with Reporting a Crime	6
Interim Plate Violation	1
Intimidation	9
Invasion of Privacy	1
Leaving the Scene/Crash	41
Maintaining Common Nuisance	21
Minor In Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	82
Minor In Tavern	3
Neglect of a Dependent	5

Never Receiving a License	57
Obstructing an Emergency Medical Person	1
Operating without Financial Responsibility	6
Operating While Intoxicated	142
Petition to Revoke Probation	2
Pointing a Firearm	2
Possession of Chemical Reagents	2
Possession of Cocaine	3
Possession of Controlled Substance	39
Possession of False Identification	1
Possession of Legend Drugs	4
Possession of Marijuana	137
Possession of Paraphernalia	76
Possession of Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	9
Possession of Methamphetamine	7
Public Indecency	5
Public Intoxication	216
Rape	1
Receiving Stolen Property	6
Reckless Driving	4
Residential Entry	15
Resisting Law Enforcement	63
Robbery	2

Stalking	1
Theft	71
Trespass	19
Unlawful Entry of a Motor Vehicle	1
Unlawful Possession of Syringe	1
Wanted on Warrant	170
Total	1597

**JUVENILE ARRESTS
2012**

Child Molesting	1
Dealing a Controlled Substance	1
False Informing	1
Leaving the Scene/Crash	1
Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	10
Never Receiving a License	3
Possession of a Legend Drug	1
Possession of Marijuana	2
Possession of Paraphernalia	1
Possession of Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	3
Public Intoxication	4
Reckless Driving	1
Resisting Law Enforcement	5
Robbery	3
Runaway	4
Theft	9
Trespass	1
Unlawful Purchase/Tobacco	2
Total	53



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2012 Traffic Division Report

In 2012, the Police Department investigated a total of 1,246 automobile crashes, which resulted in an increase from 2011 of 39 total crashes or 3%. Personal Injury crashes also increased slightly in 2012 as we investigated 157 personal injury crashes, an increase of 22 or 16% compared to 2011. Alcohol related crashes decreased by one from the previous year for a total of 36 crashes investigated. Although the total number of crashes investigated in 2012 is up from the previous year, a more global look at our crash history indicates that 2012 ranks 4th best in the past decade for total crashes with the past three years being the lowest in this ten year history.

The department participated in the Operation Pull Over Awareness Program, which is funded by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving. Officers worked a total of 504 hours of extra patrol focusing enforcement efforts on aggressive driving, intoxicated drivers, and seatbelt awareness and enforcement. During these extra patrol hours, officers made 646 traffic stops that resulted in 36 arrests for motorists found to be operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. As a department in 2012, a total of 142 arrests were made for Operating While Intoxicated, which is a decrease of 39 or 21% from 2011. This is the second consecutive year we have experienced a decrease in the number of arrests in this area. Our Department conducted one Sobriety Checkpoint during the year that included officers from all the local agencies.

In 2013, the department will continue to concentrate our enforcement efforts on School Zone Safety, and safe routes to school for the children of our community. We will continue to partner with Purdue University and respond to traffic and safety concerns in the campus community. As a department we will respond to citizen's concerns about traffic safety issues and use all department resources to address community concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chris Leroux
Deputy Chief


TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

YEAR END REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012

CRASH COMPARISON FOR 2011 & 2012 (Year to Date Figures)

	2011	2012	UP	DOWN	%
TOTAL	1207	1246	39		3%
PD UNDER 1,000.00	218	198		20	9%
PROPERTY DAMAGE	671	726	55		8%
PERSONAL INJURY	135	157	22		16%
PERSONS INJURED	164	193	29		18%
FATALITY	0	0			0%
PERSONS KILLED	0	0			0%
ALCOHOL RELATED	37	36		1	3%

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Leroux
Deputy Chief

NOTE: A total of one hundred sixty-five Hit & Run crashes have been included in the Total Crashes.

**CRASH SUMMARY
2002 TO 2012**

Crash Type	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	1,433	1,457	1,442	1,383	1,363	1,322	1,343	1,195	1,226	1,207	1,246
PD Under \$1,000	135	187	296	267	245	259	246	223	239	218	198
Property Damage	928	935	779	762	759	705	753	642	678	671	726
Personal Injury	169	145	177	159	167	156	158	148	154	135	157
Person Injured	215	184	234	196	215	199	195	176	193	164	193
Fatality	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
Person Killed	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
Alcohol Related	52	37	48	51	43	47	33	33	43	37	36
Hit & Run Crashes	201	190	188	194	190	200	186	181	155	188	165

2012 Grant Activity

OPO Grant: 235.5 total hours worked

DUI Grant: 198.5 total hours worked

Aggressive Driving: 70.5 total hours worked

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 504.5

OPO GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 188

Arrests: 9 (3 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic: 372

DUI GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 1

Arrests: 38 (33 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic: 119

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 3

Arrests: 0

Total Traffic: 155

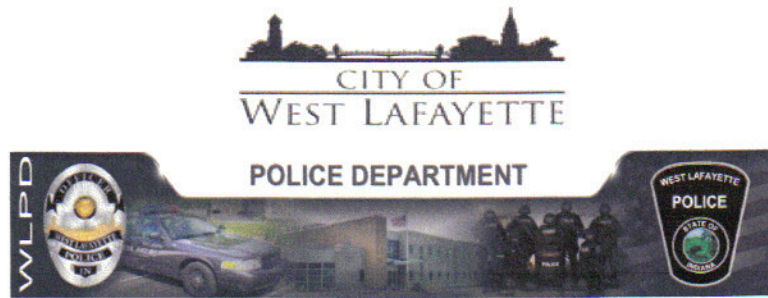
WLPD conducted one sobriety check point during the year.

Total DUI arrests for WLPD during 2012: 142



Neighborhood Resource Team Summary

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	(% Change)
Parking Tickets Issued	19,444	18,926	-2.6%
Parking Ticket Revenue	\$367,265.00	\$578,758.00	57.0%
Animal Control Complaints	296	257	-13.1%
Animals to Shelter	93	42	-54.8%
Total Calls for Service	3,148	2,398	-23.8%



Neighborhood Resource Team 2012

	Code Enforcement Complaints	Parking Tickets Issued	Revenue	Animal Control Complaints	Shelter
January	167	1448	\$19,235.00	19	4
February	137	1938	\$38,421.00	18	6
March	174	1634	\$32,495.00	26	5
April	335	2463	\$44,670.00	23	3
May	316	1048	\$39,511.00	18	1
June	149	1119	\$36,980.00	27	4
July	210	988	\$41,500.00	35	9
August	290	2106	\$57,661.00	22	2
September	208	2065	\$73,720.00	25	1
October	167	1908	\$83,335.00	28	4
November	110	1489	\$63,635.00	10	0
December	135	720	\$47,595.00	6	3
Total	2398	18926	\$578,758.00	257	42